

## **1-1-4 Canons of Police Ethics/Law Enforcement Code of Ethics**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this general order is to provide employees with guidance in matters of ethics related to law enforcement in the City of Bowling Green.

### **CODE OF ETHICS:**

The Bowling Green Police Division subscribes to the Canons of Ethics as adopted by the I.A.C.P. All members of the Bowling Green Police Division are expected to abide by these ethics. Ethics training will be conducted for all personnel at least biennially.

The Code of Ethics adopted by the Bowling Green Police Division is as follows:

"As an employee of the City of Bowling Green Police Division, my fundamental duty is to serve the citizens of Bowling Green, to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, the peaceful against violence and disorder, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint, and be mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of the Bowling Green Police Division.

Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in me in my official capacity will be kept secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of duty.

I will never act officiously, or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions with no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals. I will act courteously and appropriately without fear of favor, or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I will recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession: Law Enforcement."

### **REVIEW PROCESS:**

- I. This directive shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the chief of police or his/her designee.

**CANCELLATION:**

- I. This general order shall remain in force until revoked or revised by competent authority.

*(CALEA 1.1.2) (Rev. 10/3/2006, 7/31/17)*